

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(4)

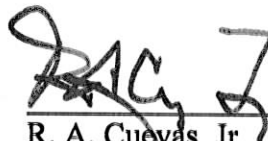
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 22, 2008

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing
Federal Lobbying Consultants to
obtain services of Carrie P. Meek
and Mike Abrams through work
orders on an "as needed" basis
upon approval each year by the
Director of the Office of
Intergovernmental Affairs in
consultation with the Chair of the
Board

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro.



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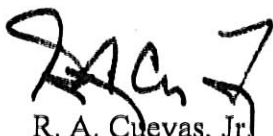


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Please note any items checked.

- ☒ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☒ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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01-22-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEDERAL LOBBYING CONSULTANTS TO OBTAIN SERVICES OF CARRIE P. MEEK AND MIKE ABRAMS THROUGH WORK ORDERS ON AN "AS NEEDED" BASIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 EACH DURING EACH OF THE REMAINING TWO RENEWAL TERMS TO SUPPLEMENT THE EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES UNDER THE FEDERAL LOBBYING CONTRACTS UPON APPROVAL EACH YEAR BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2006, the Board approved Resolution No. 133-06, which authorized the County Manager to execute agreements with Tew Cardenas LLP; Alcalde & Fay; and Greenberg Traurig, P.A. ("Consultants") for governmental representation before the U.S. Congress and executive branch ("the Agreements"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreements were for a term of one year, with three one-year renewal options, and authorized the expenditure of a total amount not to exceed \$225,000 for additional related services; and

WHEREAS, the Agreements provide that the County may request that the Consultants obtain services through work orders to supplement the expertise and resources that may be required at any given time and for the purposes of carrying out the intent of the Agreements; and

WHEREAS, five firms were invited to make oral presentations to the County related to the federal lobbying RFQs, the top three firms were picked in the selection process for federal

lobbying contracts, and former Miami-Dade Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek and former State Representative Mike Abrams were key personnel in the firms that ranked the next highest, fourth and fifth; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 1999, the Board approved Resolution No. 1236-99, which provided that the Board shall approve all County contracts and work orders for lobbying or representation at the state or federal level and all individuals or firms hired to represent the County on intergovernmental issues; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2006, the Board approved Resolution No. 556-06, which authorized the Consultants pursuant to Resolution No. 1236-99 to retain former-Representative Abrams and former-Congresswoman Meek through work orders on an "as needed" basis not to exceed the amount of \$75,000 each; and

WHEREAS, the funding not to exceed the amount of \$75,000 each that was authorized Resolution No. 556-06 has now been expended; and

WHEREAS, there are now two renewal terms remaining in the Agreements; and

WHEREAS, given the their expertise and the current composition of Congress, the County would benefit from the continued services of former-Representative Abrams and former-Congresswoman Meek,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Provides that the Consultants may obtain the services of Carrie Meek and Mike Abrams through work orders on an "as needed" basis in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 each during each of the two remaining renewal terms to supplement the expertise and resources

required under the federal lobbying contracts upon approval each year by the Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs in consultation with the Chair of the Board.

Section 2. Directs that if work orders are issued, they shall specify the particular issue areas under which the work orders are being issued and the work order shall be under the particular Consultant Agreements that correspond to the issue areas being assigned.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of January, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.
Jess M. McCarty

